

Tid Bits

Submitted by
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At midnight December 31, 2004, we embarked on a new Era, New Year 2005. Many of us made resolutions with the hope of changing habits in specific areas, and the aspirations to improve our well-being. The joy of ringing in the New Year was illuminated at the JCA.

After a sumptuous dinner, we rocked to the music of DJ "Rocking Roxy" and at midnight we sipped champagne and toasted each other as customary. To sum it all up, it was a very enjoyable evening, thanks to Bruce McDonald.



Unlike other years that started out with tax and price increases, we are very fortunate this year not to have too many increases.

Last year's increase was the cost of mailing a letter property tax and water and also a one cent increase to drive on the 407 toll road. One similarity however is the weather, minus 18-23 Degrees Celsius temperatures in January, compounded with frequent snowfall and freezing rain. This condition has certainly caused us to miss our homeland, Jamaica, where temperatures are always around 31 degrees.



You may recall the JCA Annual Christmas Grand-Market and Bazaar that took place November

27, 2004. This was successful in that we had to turn away vendors who wanted to rent space to sell their product. Both halls were filled and beautifully laid out with very attractive and reasonably priced items.

I must use this opportunity to thank Bev Chin of Travel Kiosk for the support and sponsorship given to the event.



I would like to use this medium to congratulate four people for their achievements.

First is our very own son-of-the-soil and longtime supporter of JCA, Peter Sloly who was promoted to Superintendent of the Toronto Police Services. At 38 years old, he is the youngest Senior Officer in this jurisdiction; he is at 55 Division and supervises a staff of 250.

The second is Jay hope of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) who has been promoted to the Deputy Commissioner. He is now the highest ranking "Black" Law enforcement officer in Canada. He is being touted as a possible successor to Toronto Police Chief Julian Fantino who will be stepping down this March

The third is Michael "Pinball" Clemons; the first black head coach to lead a team to a Canadian Football League Championship. On November 21, 2004 the Toronto

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Argonauts defeated the BC Lions 27-19 to attain the Grey Cup.

The Fourth is Bernie Farber, who is now the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the National Congress of Jews. Bernie is a big supporter of the JCA. During our rezoning ordeal throughout the renovation period, he came to our aid, spoke on our behalf and encouraged the Jewish Councilors in North York to support our mission.



Turning to golf, the season will soon be starting. If you need golf lessons, please contact Alvin French through the JCA. The date for our

Annual Golf Tournament is Saturday August 13, 2005. We need "Hole" and "Tee" sponsors; \$350 and \$150 respectively. Please contact your employer or the people you do business with to ask for support in this regard. In return they will get publicity. You should also start collecting items for the prize table, same as last year. You may contact me; Alton Telfer at (416) 292-4551 for more information.

There have been some changes on the Golf Committee; Erma Collins has resigned from the committee for personal reasons, Adoama Patterson is filling the void and Keith Mills has replaced Carl Killingbeck as Chair.

Hyacinth Wilson, Maisie Allen and Cyndi Anderson).

Cardinal Golf Club has already been booked for the 6th Annual Tournament, which will take place on August 13, 2005.

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Here are some news items about Jamaica:

Edward Seaga has resigned as leader of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) and as MP for West Kingston. He has taken up a top position at the University of the West Indies (UWI). His successor is expected to be Bruce Golding. Francis Forbes, the Commissioner of Police has stepped down. His Deputy, Lucius Thomas is his successor.

I am taking this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2005!

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